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In re Application of:

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METHOD OF ORGANIZING
DIGITAL IMAGES ON A PAGE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims.

24. (New) A method of organizing a plurality of images in a
predetermined page format including an image void area, comprising the steps of:
identifying an area to be void of images;
grouping said plurality of images into a plurality of different page
layouts including said area void of images;
analyzing each of said different page layouts in accordance with a
predetermined criteria; and
selecting the page layout based on said predetermined criteria.

25. (New) A method of organizing a plurality of images in a
predetermined page format including at least one image to be placed in a
predetermined image location, comprising the steps of:

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